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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 4615

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, RO, EETT, CVIS, (RAUTO ECATERINA)
SUBJ: RAUTA CASE: REQUEST BY CONGRESSMAN GREEN
REFS: (A) BUCHAREST 4515 (B) STATE 180265

1. DONCA (MFA THIRD DIRECTORATE) TELEPHONED CHARGE TODAY TO STATE THERE WAS A "MISUNDERSTANDING" RELATION TO BOGDAN-RACEANU CONVERSATIONS ON RAUTA CASE (REF B). DONCA SAID HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO STATE THAT THE GOR'S POSITION ON RAUTA REMAINED THE SAME AS THAT CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR BARNES BY FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU ON MAY 15, 1976 (BUCHAREST 2784) AND TO VIETS BY DEPMIN PACOSTE ON NOVEMBER 24, 1975 (BUCHAREST 6070). HE SAID HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO SPECULATE ON WHAT HAD PROMPTED BOGDAN AND RACEANU INITIATIVES.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE BACK AT SQUARE ONE. MITRAN SIGNALLED THIS RESPONSE IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE AUG 4 BY PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT PROBABLY BOGDAN AND RACEANU HAD EXCEEDED THEIR BRIEFS IN DISCUSSING PROBLEM. HE NOTED THERE WAS OCCASIONAL TENDENCY FOR AMBASSADORS DURING THEIR FINAL CALLS TO GILD THE LILLY WITH RESPECT TO TOUGH PROBLEMS AND THAT BOGDAN MAY HAVE SUCCUMBED TO THIS ENTICEMENT. PRESEUMABLY RACEANU HAD MERELY TAKEN CUE FROM HIS BOSS.

3. STATUS OF CASE THUS REMAINS AS DETAILED BY PACOSTE IN PARAS 6 AND 7 OF BUCHAREST 6070 I.E. CASE INVOLVES CONFIDENTIAL

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SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. IF THERE ARE SPECIAL REASONS

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WHY USG WANTS CASE SOLVED, THESE MUST BE INDICATED
TO GOR. OTHERWISE, GOR DOES NOT INTEND TO BUDGE FROM
CURRENT POSITION.
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